



SOUTH DAKOTA  
DEPARTMENT  
OF PUBLIC SAFETY

prevention — protection — enforcement

**Mission: Keeping South Dakota a Safe Place to Live, Work, Visit and Raise a Family.**

# 2015 County Government Study

**South Dakota Department of Public Safety**

# The department performs eight major functions:

- 911 and NLETS
- Highway Patrol/Motor Carrier/State Radio Communications/NLETS
- Office of Emergency Management
- Office of the State Fire Marshal
- Office of Highway Safety/Accident Records
- Office of Homeland Security
- Office of Inspections/Weights and Measures
- Driver Licensing

Of these eight functions, seven interact with county governments on a near-daily basis.



# South Dakota Highway Patrol

- Troopers and command staff work daily with county and city officers on all types of law enforcement matters.
- Troopers work shoulder to shoulder with local law enforcement during a law enforcement emergency.
- Highway Patrol provides services such as SWAT, aircraft, accident reconstruction, police service dogs, motor carrier inspections, and state radio communications at no cost.
- Highway Patrol sells or surpluses vehicles and other equipment to county and city law enforcement and coordinates the acquisition of federal surplus law enforcement property.



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# South Dakota Highway Patrol (cont.)

- State Radio Communications (SRC) provides county law enforcement with dispatch services when those agencies do not operate any kind of dispatch center. In 2014, SRC handled 14,000 calls for service for local law enforcement.
- SRC enters state cases for all law enforcement agencies and confirms warrants both within South Dakota and out of state.
- Motor Carrier troopers and inspectors work with county sheriffs and highway superintendents to enforce size and weight regulations along with state and federal MC regs.
- Motor Carrier troopers and inspectors provide education programs to county sheriffs and highway departments regarding motor carrier regulations.



# Office of Emergency Management



- OEM staff provides technical assistance to county emergency managers in all phases of emergency management – preparedness, response, recovery, and mitigation
- OEM hosts a full calendar of training classes each year for county officials and others to attend.
- Federal grant dollars are provided annually to 60 counties to cover up to 50% of county emergency managers' salary and administrative expenses.
- OEM passes down millions of dollars in FEMA recovery and mitigation funding with each Presidential disaster declaration.

# Office of the State Fire Marshal

- Fire Marshal's Office (FMO) staff provides daily technical assistance to fire departments on a variety of fire-related issues.
- FMO assists volunteer and paid fire departments, when requested, with fire investigations.
- FMO oversees firefighter training and certification programs, including state and district fire schools.
- FMO staff reviews construction documents for schools, licensed child care programs, and lodging establishments.
- FMO provides funding to State Fire School, Certified Firefighter Program, and smoke alarm grant.



# Office of Highway Safety/Accident Records

- Highway Safety provides funding to county and city law enforcement organizations for equipment, operations, or community education that will decrease traffic fatalities on South Dakota roads.
- Accident records provides crash data to county governments for roadway safety analysis.



# Office of Homeland Security

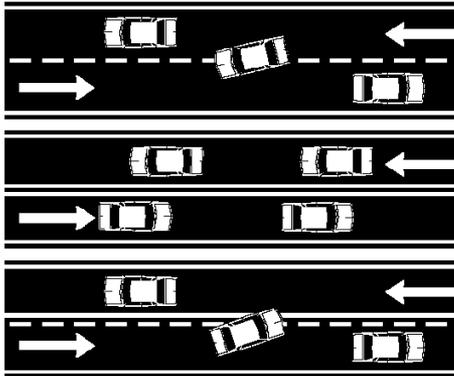


- The Office of Homeland Security (HLS) interacts with county emergency managers and law enforcement to protect against terrorist attacks and other man-made hazards.
- Through the South Dakota Fusion Center, HLS coordinates an extensive information-sharing network that includes county law enforcement agencies.
- The office oversees millions of dollars in federal grants to city, county, and tribal governments for security needs.



# Driver Licensing

- Driver Licensing field exam stations are often co-located with county offices.



- Driver Licensing partners with 22 county offices to issue and renew driver licenses in rural areas.



# South Dakota 911 and NLETS



- The 911 Coordinator works with county and blended PSAPS on a daily basis to provide technical assistance on system upgrades and established state standards.
- The Department of Revenue collects 911 surcharge, and DPS re-distributes 911 surcharge in accordance with state law on a monthly basis .
- The NLETS coordinator works with county law enforcement agencies and individual officers to ensure 24/7 access to nationwide law enforcement information.



# Questions?



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